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**Request
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Application Number	10/058,075
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First Named Inventor	Dominique NEVEU
Art Unit	3652
Examiner Name	KRAMER, DEAN J.
Attorney Docket Number	020017

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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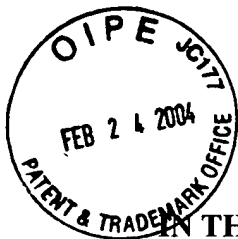
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows, and that the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are set forth on page 13 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

A Request for Continued Prosecution and a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time are submitted with this paper. Also submitted with this paper are a substitute specification and a marked-up version showing the changes made, and replacement sheets of drawings and a marked-up version showing the changes made.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the drawings by the replacement sheets of drawings which are submitted with this paper along with a marked-up version showing the changes made.